

REMARKS

Claims 1-6, 9, 12, & 16 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Okuniewicz (US Patent Number 6,585,589) in view of Quinn (US Patent Number 3,688,276).

Okuniewicz specifically teaches a bonusing system which produces a bonus which is randomly generated. Col. 1, lines 43-45. Okuniewicz states that the invention include an activity monitoring unit (AMU) which is connected to the electronic gaming device for monitoring event occurrences in the electronic gaming device, to a digital display board, a reel position sensor and a hard meter harness. Col. 3, lines 54-61. As shown in Okuniewicz, the device is monitored outside of the player to determine when a ticket is dispensed. The user has no knowledge of when the ticket is dispensed and as stated above, that is the object of Okuniewicz. If one were to tell the user or show the user when a ticket were to be dispensed, it would go against Okuniewicz, as Okuniewicz specifically states a randomly generated bonus. Applicant includes the dictionary definition of the word "random" which specifically means "proceeding, made or occurring without definite aim, reason, or pattern". This goes against the claims of the present invention where a ticket is generated based on a specific amount of coins placed in the device. This is *not* random.

Quinn teaches a centralized computer controlling remote variable script vending machine over communication systems where the consumer can make a selection, and the computer will instruct the consumer whether its selection is available or another selection must be made. If available, the computer will instruct the consumer on how much currency must be inserted into the vending machine. Col. 1, line 65-Col. 2, line 70.

Claim 1: Okuniewicz teaches device for paying out a bonus (Col 1, 43-46) to a player playing a gaming machine. (Fig 1). Okuniewicz does not teach visually displaying to the player the number of coins needed to generate a ticket or the number of coins inserted by the player. Nor does Okuniewicz teach resetting the counted coins to zero once a ticket is generated. These are common functions on virtually any modern vending machine.

Quinn, which is also a lottery ticket dispenser, teaches visually displaying to the player the number of coins needed to generate a ticket and the number of coins inserted by the player as well as resetting the counted coins to zero once a ticket is generated. These features add to user convenience and are, as previously pointed out, extremely well known. It would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time of the invention to have modified Okuniewicz in view of Quinn to visually display to the player the number of coins needed to generate a ticket and the number of coins inserted by the player as

well as to reset the counted coins to zero once a ticket is generated in order to add to player convenience.

As stated above, since Okuniewicz specifically teaches a randomly generated bonus, it would not be obvious to add Quinn to display the number of coins which would then make the system of Okuniewicz non-random.

Furthermore, a combination of prior art elements, each performing their normal functions in a predictable manner to yield a predictable result is obvious. In this case, Okuniewicz teaches a slot machine that dispenses a lottery ticket when a preset number of coins have been inserted into the machine. Quinn, which also dispenses a lottery ticket when a preset number of coins have been inserted into the machine, has a meter that displays the number of coins inserted and the number of coins remaining prior to dispensing a ticket. In the combination, Okuniewicz's slot machine/ticket dispenser works in its accustomed manner. Quinn's lottery ticket dispenser/coin meter work in its accustomed manner. The combination of Okuniewicz and Quinn yield predictable results. The combination is therefore obvious.

According to the Examiner's logic, it would be obvious to make a car that flies based on the combination of a car and an airplane. Since an airplane flies because it has wings and an engine and a car drives because it has an engine, since both work in its accustomed manner, it would be obvious to combine a car and airplane to make a flying car.

It is not obvious to combine Okuniewicz and Quinn. Prior to applicant's invention, there were no devices that worked according to applicant's device. Further, since Okuniewicz teaches against what is taught in Quinn, the combination cannot be obvious.

For all of the above reasons, Claims 2-6, 9, 12 and 16 are not obvious over the prior art.

Claims 7, 8, 11, 13 & 18 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Okuniewicz and Quinn as applied to claim 1, 12 above, and further in view of Castellano et al. (US Patent Number 5,477,952).

Claims 7, 13: Okuniewicz and Quinn teach the invention substantially as claimed. Both contain coin counters, but do not give details of the operation thereof. Okuniewicz bonuses a player based on number of coins played (Col 3, 51) but does not teach that the numeric counter counts coin pulses off the gaming machine's hard meter. Castellano teaches the method of operation of the coin counters. Castellano teaches that the numeric counter (12) counts coin pulses off the gaming machine's hard meter (52). It would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time of the invention to have modified Okuniewicz and Quinn in view of Castellano to have the numeric counter count coin pulses off the gaming machine's hard meter in order to carry out Okuniewicz and Quinn's suggestion to count the coins entered by the player.

For the reasons stated above with regards to Okuniewicz and Quinn, the above references do not make obvious the claims.

For the reasons stated above, Claims 8, 11 and 18 are not obvious over the prior art.

Applicant believes that the application is now in condition for allowance.

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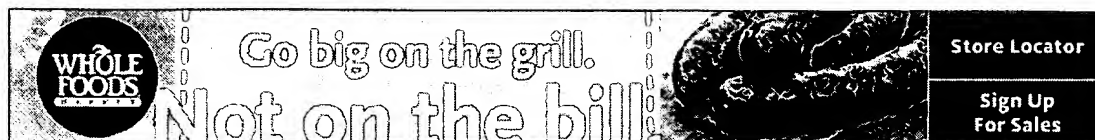
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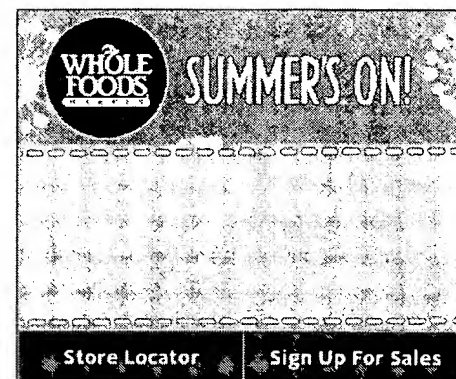
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—adjective

- proceeding, made, or occurring without definite aim, reason, or pattern: *the random selection of numbers.*
- Statistics* . of or characterizing a process of selection in which each item of a set has an equal probability of being chosen.
- Building Trades* .
 - (of building materials) lacking uniformity of dimensions: *random shingles.*
 - (of ashlar) laid without continuous courses.
 - constructed or applied without regularity: *random bond.*

—noun

- Chiefly British . bank³ (def. 7b) .

—adverb

- Building Trades* . without uniformity: *random-sized slates.*

—Idiom

- at random, without definite aim, purpose, method, or adherence to a prior arrangement; in a haphazard way:
Contestants were chosen at random from the studio audience.

Use random in a Sentence

Origin:

1275-1325; ME *raundon*, *random* < OF *random*, deriv. of *randir* to gallop < Gmc

—Related forms

ran·dom·ly, *adverb*
ran·dom·ness, *noun*
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—Synonyms

- haphazard, chance, fortuitous.

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-noun

1. an arrangement of objects in a line or in tiers: *a bank of seats; a bank of lights.*
2. *Music* . a row of keys on an organ.
3. a row of elevator cars, as in a hotel or high-rise office building.
4. a bench for rowers in a galley.
5. a row or tier of oars.
6. the group of rowers occupying one bench or rowing one oar.
7. *Printing* .
 - a. (formerly) a bench on which sheets are placed as printed.
 - b. Also called, *especially British* , **random**, the sloping work surface at the top of a compositor's workbench.
 - c. a table or rack on which type material is stored before being made up in forms.
8. Also called **deck**, *Journalism* . a part of a headline containing one or more lines of type, esp. a part that appears below the main part.
9. *Electricity* . a number of similar devices connected to act together: *a bank of transformers; a bank of resistors.*

-verb (used with object)

10. to arrange in a bank: *to bank the seats; to bank the lights.*

Origin:


1200-50; ME *bank* (*e*) < OF *banc* bench < Gmc; see [bank](#)¹

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World English Dictionary

random ('rændəm) 

— adj

1. lacking any definite plan or prearranged order; haphazard: *a random selection*
2. *statistics*
 - a. having a value which cannot be determined but only described probabilistically: *a random variable*
 - b. chosen without regard to any characteristics of the individual members of the population so that each has an equal chance of being selected: *random sampling*
3. *informal* (of a person) unknown: *some random guy waiting for a bus*

— n

4. **at random** in a purposeless fashion; not following any prearranged order

[C14: from Old French *randon* , from *randir* to gallop, of Germanic origin; compare Old High German *rinnan* to run]

'randomly

— adv

'randomness

— n

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Word Origin & History

bank

"earthen incline, edge of a river," c.1200, probably in O.E. but not attested in surviving documents, from a Scandinavian source such as O.N. banki, O.Dan. banke "sandbank," from P.Gmc. *bangkon "slope," cognate with *bankiz "shelf."

random

"having no definite aim or purpose," 1650s, from at random (1560s), "at great speed" (thus, "carelessly, haphazardly"), alteration of M.E. randon "impetuosity, speed" (c.1300), from O.Fr. randon "rush, disorder, force, impetuosity," from randir "to run fast," from Frankish *rant "a running," from P.Gmc. *randa (cf. O.H.G. rennen "to run," O.E. rinnan "to flow, to run"). In 1980s college student slang, it began to acquire a sense of "inferior, undesirable." Random access in ref. to computer memory is recorded from 1953.

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bank definition

Pronunciation: /ˈbæŋk/

Function: *n*

: a place where something is held available *bank* > *especially* : a depot for the collection and storage of a biological product of human origin for medical use sperm *bank* > eye *bank* > see BLOOD BANK

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random (rān'dəm) [Pronunciation Key](#)

1. Relating to a type of circumstance or event that is described by a probability distribution.
2. Relating to an event in which all outcomes are equally likely, as in the testing of a blood sample for the presence of a substance.

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Legal Dictionary

Main Entry: **bank**

Pronunciation: ˈbɑ[ŋ]k

Function: *noun*

: an organization for the custody, loan, or exchange of money, for

functions and is separate from a main office

bridge bank

: a national bank that is chartered for a limited time to operate an insolvent bank until it is sold

central bank

: a national bank that establishes monetary and fiscal policy and controls the money supply and interest rate

collecting bank

: a bank other than the payor bank that is handling for collection a negotiable instrument or a promise or order to pay money

commercial bank

: a bank organized chiefly to handle the everyday financial transactions of businesses (as through deposit accounts and commercial loans)

cooperative bank

: an association (as a credit union) owned by and offering banking services for its members; *specifically* : SAVINGS AND LOAN ASSOCIATION

depository bank

: the first bank to take a negotiable instrument or promise or order to pay money unless the instrument, promise, or order is presented for immediate payment over the counter

federal land bank

: a land bank that is under federal charter and regulated by the Farm Credit Administration

Federal Reserve bank

: one of 12 central banks set up under the Federal Reserve Act to hold reserves for and extend credit to affiliated banks in their respective districts

intermediary bank

: a bank other than the depository or payor bank to which a negotiable instrument or promise or order to pay is transferred in the course of collection

land bank

1 : a bank that provides financing for land development and farm mortgages esp. by issuing stock —see also FEDERAL LAND BANK in this entry

2 : a trust that holds land for purposes of preservation or conservation

national bank

: a bank operating under federal charter and supervision

nonbank bank

: a financial organization (as a branch of an out-of-state bank) that either accepts demand deposits or makes commercial loans

payor bank

: a bank that is the drawee of a draft

presenting bank

: a bank other than a payor bank that presents a negotiable instrument or promise or order to pay money

savings bank

: a bank organized to hold depositors' funds in interest-bearing accounts and to make long-term investments (as in home mortgage loans)

state bank

: a bank operating under state charter and law — **bank·er** /'bɑ[ng]-k&r/ *noun*

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money; ready cash. (From bankroll.) : *I can't go out with you. No bank.*
2. n.
a toilet. (Where one makes a deposit.) : *Man, where's the bank around here?*
3. tv.
to gang up on and beat someone. (An intransitive version is *bank on (so).*) : *They banked the kid and left him moaning.*

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random definition

1. Unpredictable (closest to mathematical definition); weird. "The system's been behaving pretty randomly."
 2. Assorted; undistinguished. "Who was at the conference?" "Just a bunch of random business types."
 3. (pejorative) Frivolous; unproductive; undirected. "He's just a random loser."
 4. Incoherent or inelegant; poorly chosen; not well organised. "The program has a random set of misfeatures." "That's a random name for that function." "Well, all the names were chosen pretty randomly."
 5. In no particular order, though deterministic. "The I/O channels are in a pool, and when a file is opened one is chosen randomly."
 6. Arbitrary. "It generates a random name for the scratch file."
 7. Gratuitously wrong, i.e. poorly done and for no good apparent reason. For example, a program that handles file name defaulting in a particularly useless way, or an assembler routine that could easily have been coded using only three registers, but redundantly uses seven for values with non-overlapping lifetimes, so that no one else can invoke it without first saving four extra registers. What randomness!
 8. A random hacker; used particularly of high-school students who soak up computer time and generally get in the way.
 9. Anyone who is not a hacker (or, sometimes, anyone not known to the hacker speaking). "I went to the talk, but the audience was full of randoms asking bogus questions".
 10. (occasional MIT usage) One who lives at Random Hall. See also J. Random, some random X.
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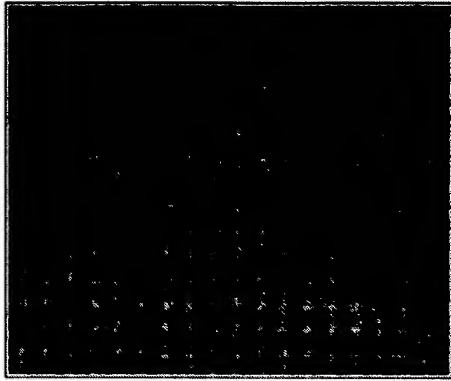
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- "It is a secret from nobody that the famous random event..."
- "Novels as dull as dishwater, with the grease of random ..."
- "I've never been convinced that experience is linear, ci..."
- "The old guard may grumble and occasionally sue, but in ..."
- "Man always made, and still makes, grotesque blunders in..."

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